

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
May 27, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mary Nedrow Mayor, Dan Muth, Ron Thebeau and Phelps Wilkins

Excused: Bill Lucas

Staff Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Legal Counsel, Karen Asquith, Sharon Pinckard, Larisa Bogardus and Linda Matthews.

Public: Eric Baca and Susie Silva

1. Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 4:06pm

2. Public Participation:

Manager West presented the Mayor and Council Members Bill Lucas and Phelps Wilkins with Town of Springerville lapel pins and thanked each of them individually on behalf of the Town and staff of the Town of Springerville.

3. Town of Springerville's 2009-2010 Revised Budget:

Manager West asked the Mayor and Council to table this item stating that we didn't get all of the numbers in.

Phelps Wilkins/Dan Muth motion to table the revised budget

Vote:	Ayes: Mary Nedrow Dan Muth Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins
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4. Town of Springerville FY 2010-2011 Tentative Budget

Manager West explained that the tentative budget sets the numbers for the final budget. Numbers can still be moved around but the bottom number will not change.

Karen Asquith explained two minor changes in this budget include a CDBG grant we'll be managing and some tweaking along with a few changes requested by Sharon. The total budget for the Town is going to be \$12,728,569. The \$35,000 transfer to the senior center will show on pages 3 under transfer to senior center and page 22 senior center revenues also shown as a transfer.

Mayor Nedrow called for questions from the council. There were no questions on the budget; Mayor Nedrow called for a motion.

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to adopt the FY 2010-2011 tentative budget for the Town of Springerville in the amount of \$12, 728,569.

Discussion: None

5. Capping general fund Transfers; capping transfers from the general fund to the Senior Center and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to cap the general fund transfer to the senior center in the amount of \$35,000 for FY 2010-2011.

Sharon presented her Plan B beginning with stats in her department regarding services provided by the senior center. She said the only grant they anticipate losing next year is the transportation funding. Currently the town supports the senior in the amount \$1,321 with a match from Eagar plus donations in the amount of \$1,200. The staff as a group discussed several options or fund raisers to make up the funds i.e. selling ice to the general public, renting space, having a yard sale twice a year, including writing letter to all of the local businesses asking for donations to make up the \$9,000 for the transportation funding. Sharon reminded the council that they have to run this transportation van 30 hours a week or lose it. Ultimately Plan B is for the seniors and the staff to work together to raise \$9,000 to keep this service. Sharon also mentioned that the Town of Eagar may implement a utility billing round-off and donate to the senior center possibly beginning in January.

Mayor Nedrow asked Sharon if any of the programs they discussed at the last budget meeting was cut from her budget.

Sharon said that they did not cut any of the other programs but the diapers program would be going away next year. She did remind the council that all of the other programs are paid for at 100% by the grants and not money coming from the Town.

Eric Baca questioned Sharon's budget and asked her to explain her budget showing her revenue versus non-revenue eliminating some of the programs. She went on to say she manages 12 grants and 8 of them support the senior center.

Mayor Nedrow announced that they needed to continue with the meeting due to time restraints with council members. She suggested that she and Eric continue their discussion while they adjourned into executive session.

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to table item 5 on the agenda motion to cap the senior center funding for the FY 2010-2011 in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Dan Muth
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

6. Executive Session:

Dan Muth/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn into executive session.

The motion was amended:

Dan Muth/Phelps Wilkins motion to enter into executive session to complete a 1 year evaluation on the town manager.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau questioned why we're going into executive session for an evaluation on the town manager at 4:43 p.m.

Mayor Nedrow advised him that this council needed to complete this evaluation before they go out of office.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Dan Muth
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Dan Muth
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Nedrow announced they completed a one year evaluation on the town manager and there will be no other action under item b.

5. Senior Center discussion continuation.

Phelps Wilkins/Dan Muth motion to remove item 5 capping general fund transfers from the table.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Dan Muth
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Councilman Wilkins stated that the senior center is really a misnomer because it's never been just a senior center. It serves as a crisis intervention center for lots of people in our community that need assistance not just our seniors. When times are hard it's the needy that hurt the worst. He recommended that if we are going to cap this transfer we cap it at \$40,000 for emergencies and have a contingency fund for money that isn't used. He felt this was an important service and we need to be compassionate. We need to find a way to feel comfortable with this.

Councilman Muth asked if he was correct in assuming that at any given time they would be able to evaluate where we are with expenditures versus income.

Manager West agreed saying there are a lot of ways to do this but said they wouldn't be able to make any changes in the next year. It can be evaluated and set up for next year. At \$35,000 she would just be a little short but felt there would be ways to make this up if they need to. He said the idea of capping this is to stop the hemorrhaging.

Mayor Nedrow said she talked to Mayor Holaway if they rounded up their water bills would the senior center be able to access those funds this year and was told if it happens it would be in January 2011.

Sharon reiterated that they can't offer crisis assistance programs only to seniors. It has to be offered across the board. They earmark monies for those seniors that will need assistance for rent or utilities. Doing away with crisis assistance programs will ultimately hurt the seniors.

Mayor Nedrow called for the motion.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Dan Muth
		Ron Thebeau
	Nays:	Phelps Wilkins

Capping the Chamber of Commerce:

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to cap the general fund transfers for the FY 2010-2011 to the Springerville-Eagar Chamber of Commerce at \$15,000.

Discussion: Councilman Wilkins stated that the Chamber is the only organization that has the ability to generate funds for this community and will not vote in favor of this. He pointed out that when he first became a council member the town was sponsoring the chamber in the amount of \$40,000 and we've cut them to \$15,000. If we cut much more we won't have a chamber, it's the best advertisement and contact we have. This community will hurt if they go down and felt they should leave the money as it was. He said that the new director is doing a great job.

Councilman Muth stated that he would like to see Eagar become more of an active part of an organization they claim to be a part of. Perhaps they wouldn't have to make this type of draconian cuts.

Mayor Nedrow agreed and said she supports the chamber and hopes that next year they'll be able to uncap the funds and support it.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Dan Muth Ron Thebeau
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	Nays:	Phelps Wilkins
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7. Final comments from council members. Mayor Nedrow spoke on behalf of Bill Lucas saying he enjoyed working with everyone and learned a lot. Councilman Wilkins said it's been a wonderful experience in the 4 years and he learned a lot. It's been kind of fun to sit here and disagree with one another and argue about a lot of things but that's what democracy is. He wished the new council members good luck.

Mayor Nedrow also gave parting words to the incoming council members saying it's been a great 8 years. She told them the town staff are great people and it's been a pleasure working with them. The advice she offered was for them to remember they're here to do what's best for the citizens, to set policy and not micro manage the staff. She cautioned them regarding their power as council members, saying the only power they have is here as a whole body. She said she would miss the council and wished the incoming Mayor and Council members the best of luck telling them they have a great manager who they need to work with not against.

8. Adjournment

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Dan Muth Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins
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Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a budget workshop on Monday, May 27, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2010

Town Clerk